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There is a lot going on in Castle Shannon . . .



CECIL K. LEBERKNIGHT - SERVICE AWARD

By Council President Nancy Kovach

I am pleased to report that at the 2016 PA Borough's Association Conference held in Hershey in May 2016, Council Vice-President

Michael Warhold, received the "Cecil K. Leberknight" award by the PA State Association of Boroughs.

Mike has been a member of Borough Council since his appointment in 2003 and Council Vice-President for the past four (4) years. It is always extremely gratifying, as Council President when I receive notification indicating one of our Councilmembers/ Mayor is to be honored with a state-wide award.

Mike's numerous activities and accomplishments on Council include his work with the Castle Shannon Revitalization Corporation (CSRC), re-establishing the Borough's Community Day Celebration, serving as a board member of Medical Rescue Team South Authority (MRTSA), an alternate representative on the Allegheny League of Municipalities and on the Congress of Neighborhood Communities (CONNECT). Mike always puts community first stating he accepted this award not for himself but for the borough as a whole and thanked all the Council and especially his wife, Eileen, and family for their understanding of his many nights devoted to helping make Castle Shannon a better community.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO

VOTE

TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 8, 2016

**Polls are open from
7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.**

KO BOYS TAKE THE QUAD DISTRICT TITLE



This picture was taken after our KO Boys Baseball won the Championship game vs. South Fayette. We won 11-7 to

take the Quad District Title at Hamilton in June 2016. They started off down 4-0 . . . then were down 6-4 and they battled back to win it late. It really was a great championship game between two strong teams.

Back row left to right: Vinny Davis, Matt McKay, Bronco Chen, Joey Pantanella, Gio Abbondanza, Eric Bonkowski, Mark Wetmiller.

Front row left to right: Noah Bonkowski, Zach Blair, Griffin Malloy, Tyler Hrivnak, Mark Hutchin.

Head Coach: Mark Wetmiller

Veterans' Day

Please make plans to again attend our annual ceremony to honor the men and women of Castle Shannon that are serving or who have served in all branches of the United States Military. Ceremonies will be held on Veterans' Day (Friday) November 11, 2016 at the Memorial Parklet behind the Ice Castle at 11:11 AM. This ceremony has grown from its inception and will feature all military banners on prominent display.



CSVFDLA
Castle Shannon
Volunteer Fire
Department Ladies
Auxiliary
75th
Anniversary

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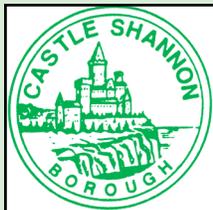
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Mayor Donald Baumgarten	412-885-9200
Tax Collector	412-885-9260
Fire Department Information	412-884-7913
Medical Rescue Information / MRTSA	412-343-5111
Community Library	412-563-4552
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County Council District 6 John Palmiere	412-350-6550

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Administration	100
Planning and Codes	105
Tax Collector-Shirley Torris	107
Mayor Donald Baumgarten	108

When calling the Police Department dial 412-885-9300 followed by these extensions:

Shift Supervisor	120
To Park Overnight in Street	120
Administrative Assistant	111

NON-EMERGENCY Allegheny County Dispatch 412-473-3056

Borough Council

Second and Fourth Mondays of each month
 Municipal Center, 7 PM

Planning Commission

Third Monday of each month as needed
 Municipal Center, 7 PM

Castle Shannon Youth Association

Third Sunday of each month
 Municipal Center, 7 PM

Friends of the Community Library of CS

Meets on call at the Library

Castle Shannon Seniors

Last Saturday of each month
 Community Library of Castle Shannon, 1 PM

St. Anne Seniors

Third Wednesday of each month
 Harkins Hall, 1 PM

St. Winifred 55 –Plus Club

First Tuesday of each month
 St. Winifred Gym, 1 PM



"Thanks to all for the article concerning my Council retirement in the last newsletter. I do miss it, but life goes on. Good luck to all."
 Sincerely, Jean O'Malley

Memo from the Mayor



As Mayor of Castle Shannon it is my responsibility to ensure the safety of our community.

In this issue of the newsletter I want to write about an epidemic that is far greater than most people know about and that is the Opioid Epidemic.

Our nation is in the midst of an unprecedented opioid epidemic. More people died from drug overdoses in 2014 than in any year on record, and the majority of drug overdose deaths (more than six out of ten) involved an opioid. Since 1999, the rate of overdose deaths involving opioids - including prescription opioid pain relievers and heroin - nearly quadrupled, and over 165,000 people have died from prescription opioid overdoses. Prescription pain medication deaths remain far too high, and in 2014, the most recent year on record, there was a sharp increase in heroin-involved deaths and an increase in deaths involving synthetic opioids such as fentanyl. On an average day in the United States more than 650,000 opioid prescriptions are dispensed. 3,900 people initiate non-medical use of prescription opioids. 580 people initiate heroin use and 78 people died from an opioid-related overdose.

To put things in perspective as far as Castle Shannon is concerned, a community that is a one and a half square mile community, with a population of around 8,300 residents, we have, in the last 3 months made 24 arrests for drug use and have administered at least 8 narcan saves using an antidote that revives people who have overdosed. We have also had several deaths due to overdoses, and as I am writing this article a young male has died from an overdose.

Finally in 2014, more than 240 million prescriptions were written for prescription opioids, which is more than enough to give every American adult their own bottle of pills. Raising further alarm, four in five new heroin users started out by misusing

prescription opioids.



Do you know what your loved ones are doing?

Manager's Message



Castle Shannon Borough recognized as a Gold Level Certified Municipality

Castle Shannon Borough announced that as of September 2016, it is among a select group of high performing municipalities to become

certified through the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification program. Castle Shannon Borough is recognized at the Gold Level of certification for meeting the program's rigorous performance criteria which tracks 131 policies and practices that define a sustainable community.

The Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification, administered by the Pennsylvania Municipal League in partnership with Sustainable Pittsburgh, is designed for municipalities that are working to save money, conserve resources, and serve vibrant communities. Originally deployed in Southwestern Pennsylvania by Sustainable Pittsburgh, the certification has gone state-wide recognizing small, medium, and large municipalities across the Commonwealth. The Pennsylvania Municipal League and Sustainable Pittsburgh applaud municipalities for their demonstrated commitment and sustainability performance.

In earning the Gold Level certification, Castle Shannon Borough is acknowledged for its progress in addressing such areas as community design and land use, energy efficiency, health and wellness, mitigating blight, intergovernmental cooperation, recycling and waste reduction, fiscal controls, and internal management and operations.

"Castle Shannon Borough is proud to be recognized as a Gold Level Certified Community by the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification program," said Mayor Donald Baumgarten. "Castle Shannon Borough has a long history of commitment to saving taxpayer dollars, using resources efficiently, and applying best practices in municipal government and community development. We are pleased to be recognized and be part of the regional community of good government."



NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN CASTLE SHANNON

It is no secret that for all intents and purposes Castle Shannon is 100% fully developed.

Although this may be true, new trends in both residential and commercial development are finding new opportunities in Castle Shannon.

ELLISON PLACE

As we have referenced in previous editions of our newsletter, the developers of ELLISON Place, a twenty-three (23) unit Townhome development off of May Street, have started to market two and three bedroom unit townhome models.



ELLISON PLACE

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### CASTLE RIDGE APARTMENTS

Another development completed this year is CASTLE RIDGE, which is a twenty four (24) unit garden style apartment complex developed by the Phillips Brothers on the vacant lot at the corner of Willow and Rockwood Avenues.



CASTLE RIDGE

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CASTLE COURT APARTMENTS

Located on the site of the former Mastandrea Farm, off of Hamilton Road. The A.R. Building Company has broken ground on a proposed 176 single and double bedroom unit apartments in three (3) buildings. A.R. has a new model developed for this site.

Borough Council extends our best wishes for success to these new additions to the Borough.

BLIGHTED PROPERTIES

Castle Shannon Building and Codes Official Paul Vietmeier has been aggressively targeting "blighted properties" in the borough with assistance from Allegheny County through the South Hills Area Council of Governments (SHACOG). Since 2012 we have successfully secured grant funding and demolished six (6) vacant properties borough wide. Each demolition can total in excess of \$10,000.

In 2015/16 the Borough is/was posed to demolish blighted properties at: 3190 McRoberts Road, 3415 Poplar Avenue and 3112 May Street.

3190 McRoberts Road - Approval of funding for demolition through SHACOG was received, however a residential rehabber has stepped forward to initiate repairs and bring the property out of condemnation status.

3415 Poplar Avenue and 3112 May Street - We have received notice from SHACOG that a possible bid opening for COG wide demolition projects is projected for mid-October with the commencement of demolition by mid-November 2016 - \$9,000 CDBG Allocation.

In 2016/17 we will be submitting grant funding applications for three (3) other properties: 3437 McRoberts Road, 3725 Middleboro Road and 4123 Steiger Street.

All of the above mentioned lots are currently lienied for cost of demolition and any other delinquent fees/taxes, however most lots are buildable. Further information can be accessed at Allegheny County Department of Economic Development 412-350-1000.

We work extremely close with the property owners to attempt continual general property up-keep, and only when this proves to no avail move the property forward, to attempt to address the conditions through the legal process.



3725 Middleboro



3437 McRoberts



4123 Steiger

2016 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RIP)



The borough's annual road improvement program for 2016 was awarded to A. Liberoni Inc.

Liberoni undertook improvements to the following segments:

The entire length of James Street; on Hoodridge Drive from Baldwin Street to the Mt. Lebanon border; on Broadway from Havelock to Martha Street; on Cooke Drive from Bockstoce Avenue to Mt. Lebanon Blvd; on Vermont Avenue from Willow Avenue to the Mt. Lebanon line; on Willow Avenue from St. Anne Street to James Street; on Clara Street

from Blossom Hill to Middleboro and on Willow Avenue from Bockstoce Avenue to the rail road tracks

TOTAL ESTIMATED 2016 RIP--\$540,084.45

The yearly RIP is divided into two (2) sections--\$455,945 from Capital Funds and \$84,138 from Liquid Fuels.

It is worthwhile to again note, Castle Shannon due to proactive maintenance operations on road sub-base conditions, has annually reduced our final cost estimates to values below initial projections.

Our annual RIP was developed in part through a systematic ten (10) year roadway segment improvement schedule which allocates previously identified investment levels to ensure that the borough's twenty six (26) plus miles of street/roads will be preserved.

MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM or (MS4)

Castle Shannon, along with communities state and nationwide operate and maintain storm sewer assets or MS4 operations.

Castle Shannon's five (5) year National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit which began in 2013 requires the development of techniques, measures and structural controls used to manage the quantity and improve the quality of Storm Water Runoff within the borough.

As part of the permit requirements, Castle Shannon has developed a written MS4 plan which identifies the six (6) Minimum Control Measures (MCM) and address Best Management Practices (BMP) stated by DEP and EPA to satisfy both state and federal permitting.



The six (6) MCM listed below are:

MCM #1-Public Education and Outreach on Stormwater-Distributing educational material and performing outreach to inform the public about the impact polluted stormwater runoff discharges can have on water quality.

MCM #2-Public Involvement and Participation-Providing opportunities for the public to participate in program development and implementation including effectively publicizing public hearings and or encouraging representatives on a stormwater management panel.

MCM #3-Illicit Discharge Detention and Elimination-Developing and implementing a plan to detect and eliminate illicit discharges to the stormsewer system includes developing a system map and informing the community about hazards associated with illegal discharges and improper disposal of waste.

MCM #4-Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control-Developing implementing and enforcing an erosion and sediment control program for construction activities that disturb 1 or more acres of land (controls could include a silt fence and temporary stormwater detention ponds).

MCM #5-Post Construction Runoff Control-Developing implementing and enforcing a program to address discharges of post-construction stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment areas. Applicable controls could include preventative actions such as protecting sensitive areas (wetlands) or the use of structural BMP's such as grassed swales or porous pavement.



MCM #6-Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping-Developing and implementing a program with the goal of preventing or reducing pollutant runoff from municipal operations. The program must include municipal staff training on pollution measures and techniques (regular street sweeping, reduction in the use of pesticides or street salt or frequent catch-basin cleaning).

This is not an entirely new focus by the DEP/EPA. We have been in contract with other communities in the area who have recently undergone MS4 "compliance audits" and are making all necessary preparations to ensure when Castle Shannon is "invited" to participate in same, we have all state/federal activities successfully addressed.



ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ORDER (ACO) WORK CONTINUES

Over ten (10) years ago Castle Shannon and the over eighty (80) other communities in the ALCOSAN service area entered into an Administrative Consent Order (ACO) with the ACHD, DEP and the EPA to correct structural system deficiency in our sanitary system.

To date, we have expended over \$7 million dollars to undertake the evaluation and correction of structural system deficiencies within our sanitary sewer system.

In 2016 we will be entering the fourth year of a scheduled 10-year system-wide repair program to maintain compliance with the ACO.

The sanitary system in multiple-work areas around the Rockwood Avenue, Willow Avenue, Vermont Avenue, Vallevista Avenue and Greenridge Road watersheds will be analyzed through CCTV studies.

Line deficiencies located will be addressed with cured in place full liners and general excavation where necessary.

Overall this year's project is estimated to be nearly \$400,000.

Future projects to address overall structural segment deficiencies based on their severity level will require annual allocations of approximately equal yearly amounts.

Additionally, EPA has or will be establishing new corrective mandates focusing on water quality issues such as the utilization of Green Technologies, Municipal Flow Targets and possible new requirements for lateral inspections.

Further, they have stated they are expecting new levels of municipal sanitary sewer consolidation and regional cooperation. As these federal mandates are put forth we will strive to keep all informed.

We continue to keep our compliance costs as low as possible. Nearly 100% of all CCTV activities are done in house. Additionally we continually look for opportunities in early project scheduling, joint bidding and other areas where municipal cooperation will minimize repair work costs.

Due to the changing nature and the magnitude of this activity, it is my intention to provide annual updates, in the Newsletter, on the progress we are making in our ACO work components.

In 2015/16 a series of municipal improvement and maintenance projects were undertaken to address community infrastructure and public facilities within Castle Shannon.

Borough Council strives to maintain a "hands on" approach with these issues to ensure public input and involvement.

The Borough's Annual Road Improvement Program along with annual sanitary and storm sewer line upgrades all function in an inter-related process that improves the efficient provision of municipal services and address communities environment, health and safety.

Borough Council views the challenges posed by the continued maintenance and upgrades of our transportation and recreational assets as potential opportunities and is committed to their successful resolution.

In closing, on behalf of Mayor Baumgarten and all members of Borough Council, we wish all residents a joyous holiday season.

Thomas C. Hartswick
Borough Manager

Castle Shannon Revitalization Corporation



By Michael Warhold,
President of the Castle Shannon Revitalization Corporation (CSRC) and
Vice President of Borough Council.

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STREETSCAPE DESIGN FUNDING GRANT AWARDED TO CASTLE SHANNON



The borough has been notified that the engineering for the streetscape project has been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. The grant will cover 70% of the \$101,000 cost to design and permit the improvements.

The streetscape design will be completed by Pennoni Engineering sometime in December to enable the potential for a January bid advertisement of the work to be completed. The borough currently has an application for \$2,333,333 in Commonwealth funding, pending for the construction of the street-scape project. It is my hope that the construction phase will be started sometime in March of 2017.

The streetscape will connect all three (3) transit stations in the downtown area. Arlington, Castle Shannon Station, and Willow Avenue Station will all be connected with a sidewalk. There will be steps installed at the Willow Avenue Station to make access to the downtown more convenient.

New sidewalks and lighting fixtures will be installed all along Castle Shannon Boulevard in an effort to provide a more accessible path for the handicapped and a safer lighting pattern.

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POEMS

A joint venture between the CSRC and the Emmanuel Lutheran Church is known as Project Outreach Equipment and Medical Supplies or POEMS.

I am particularly proud of this local effort to provide free of charge the loan of medical equipment such as wheelchairs, canes, walkers, and raised adult toilet chairs among other items to residents needing assistance with short term or long term mobility issues.



Castle Shannon Revitalization Corporation (Continued . . .)



Adding to this is the now available "Vials of Life" program. When a family member is being attended to in an emergency situation sometimes vital medical information can be forgotten or not available for the first responders.

The Vials of Life promotes the idea of a written description of medicines and personal care physicians kept in a vial commonly located in an individual's refrigerator.

This information can be retrieved if an individual is unable to respond to assist with treatment provided by first responders.

These Vials and the associated reporting forms are available through POEMS, a service I encourage all residents to investigate. For more information on any POEMS programs please contact Darlene Vietmeier at 412-885-9200

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GOLF OUTING

The CSRC held its sixth annual golf outing at the Scenic Valley Golf Club on Friday, September 23, 2016. Over 130 golfers participated in this event, which is intended to strengthen fellowship and camaraderie. This is a necessary ingredient in the development of successful partnerships existing between the CSRC and the private sector to promote Castle Shannon. We would like to thank all the businesses and vendors that support this event. See pictures on page 19.



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CASTLE SHANNON COMMUNITY DAY SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2016 HAMILTON PARK

Councilman Timothy Kirsch, Chairman Building and Grounds Committee



As one of the Borough's newly elected Councilmembers, last year I assumed the duties of Chairman of the Borough Building and Grounds Committee. One of the primary functions of this committee is the presentation of our Annual Community Day Celebration.

We have a great group of volunteers who began work on the 2016 celebration in January and work very closely with municipal staff to pull the Community Day activities together.

But it had to happen. We have enjoyed year after year of exceptional weather, but as we all know weather conditions in the spring/summer in Western Pennsylvania can change in a matter of moments and also can vary from community to community.

It was raining heavily Sunday morning, in several areas both north and south of Castle Shannon; however, around 2:00 p.m. the sky cleared and the 2016 CASTLE SHANNON COMMUNITY DAY CELEBRATION turned into another tremendous success.

Even with the cooler weather, Community Day drew a large crowd of attendees, but as expected, with the threat of rain, some folks choose to enjoy the activities from their homes.

Even with the somewhat uncertain weather conditions we had over thirty (30) varied food and craft vendors, three (3) bands, and a fantastic fireworks display to end the

evening.

Our musical entertainment has always been one of the day's highlights. Again this year was no exception.

Our first act was the Justin Fabus Band - Mr. Fabus is a Keystone Oaks graduate whose band features county music.

They were followed by Totally 80's. This group focuses on 1980's themed music.

Our featured musical act was the Tony Janflone, Jr., Band. Mr. Janflone and his band are among the Pittsburgh area's most accomplished performers of blues and classic rock.

The original goals of our Community Day Celebration are the promotion of the many assets of the borough within a family oriented venue.

Since the re-inception of Community Day in 2007, we continue to see tremendous increase in both community interest and in vendors eager to participate in this major community event.

Community Day is what the name implies - A day for the community to come together with the entire family and celebrate the reasons why Castle Shannon is a special place.

On behalf of Mayor Baumgarten, Borough Council and the Community Day Committee, I want to thank all the residents who joined together at Hamilton Park last summer to celebrate Castle Shannon.



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FALL FESTIVAL

On Saturday, September 17, 2016 Downtown Castle Shannon again hosted the Borough's Annual Fall Festival. CSRC Board Member Lisa Goodyear is Chair of the event, and along with volunteers coordinated all activities. Ms. Goodyear arranged for a large number of exhibitors and vendors ranging from food purveyors to numerous small crafters with entertainment for all ages, as well as live music.



(Community Day Continued . . .)

2017 will be the ten (10) year anniversary of our Community Day Celebration. In recognition of this significant achievement, the Committee and Council are planning for a celebration worthy of this special milestone.

With that said, I urge all residents to make plans to attend Community Day 2017 at Hamilton Park – Sunday, May 28, 2017.



Thank you to our 2016 Castle Shannon Community Day Sponsors!

PLATINUM:

- Castle Shannon Shop 'n Save
- Centerline Collision
- Dollar Bank
- Homecraft True Value/Gil-Con Tool Company
- Ice Castle, Inc.
- Kenny Ross Ford South
- Kerr's Auto Body, Inc.
- Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc.
- Piper Jaffray
- Pruni Auto Body
- Republic Waste Services, Inc.
- Senterra Building & Development, Inc.
- Soli Construction, Inc.
- Sparklez, LLC
- Someone Else's Bar
- Steel City Collision, Inc.
- Truver's Jewelry
- Univest Bank & Trust Company

GOLD:

- Batteries Plus Bulbs
- Dennis R. Biondo, Attorney-at-Law
- Busy Beaver Building Centers, Inc.
- Grand Saw & Machine Company
- Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood LLP
- Laughlin Memorial Chapel
- Lebanon Shops
- Manning Physical Therapy
- Mr. Magic Car Wash
- Robert Simonin Agency, Inc.
- VCA Animal Hospitals



SILVER:

- Gracious Living Personal Care Home
- Martin Auto Gallery
- Quilter's Depot
- The Advisor's Group of Pittsburgh

BRONZE:

- Emmanuel Lutheran Church
- Floor Designs Unlimited, LLC
- Jay W. Hurley, DMD
- The SeeSaw Center



MUNICIPAL CENTER BALL FIELD UPGRADES

The Castle Shannon Youth Association (CSYA) utilizes the baseball field at the Municipal Center as their home field.

Last year, the Borough/Castle Shannon Youth Association were awarded a \$4,669 dollar grant from the Pittsburgh Pirates Charities for Kids program to undertake a complete "rebalancing" of the infield area and the development of a more effective field dragging schedule to address direct water drainage and field ponding.

Although considerable progress was made to address the water drainage/ponding issues, to ensure the development of a comprehensive water mitigation program for the field we have initiated a series of additional water mitigation improvements and field upgrades this year.

These improvements including: relocation of the Flag Pole to straightway center field, installation of additional benches along the first base sides, and installation of sections of Hydro-Block along the first and third base line and behind home plate.

These drainage areas will flow to a larger sump drain area along third base line.

I have witnessed this material in Mt. Lebanon and am hopeful that it will assist in mitigating water ponding/drainage in these areas.

By making these improvements to the Municipal Center Field, Council is confident the CSYA will have a much improved field experience for their various ball teams.

Police Chief



Dear Readers,

As you read this newsletter, you are holding an “old-school” media forum in your hands. I am in that mindset. I would much rather hold a newspaper and fold it backwards as I page through the daily news.

Much of the country, however, is reading their newspaper on line. The educational periodicals, and professional, technical and association magazines I receive are heading that way as well.

To that end, this is the information age, and we are duty bound to get information on crime and crime prevention out to our constituents on a timely basis.

As technology changes and new products become available, we are always trying to stay ahead of the curve as it were, to find ways to keep our residents up to date on activity in your neighborhoods.

We launched a new website over the summer in a partnership with **CrimeWatch PA**. You can still find us at www.csboro.com, but you will be redirected to the CrimeWatch site, where you can sign-up for email and text messages delineating which information is important to you.

This is also a good time to remind you to sign up for emergency information on our **SwiftReach** program.

There is a link on the front page scroll of the CrimeWatch page, which will connect you to Swift911. The SwitchReach 911 subscription allows you to sign up for emails, phone calls and/or text messages when there is a Borough emergency, such as a weather related event.

The new site has a scroll feature, which we will keep up to date on the latest activity involving your police department. The legacy programs of awards and recognition for police officers, the weekly blotter and useful links pages remain as staples of our website. The new site now links to our new **Facebook** site as well.

Until our CrimeWatch and Facebook sites become more popular, we will continue to push out our weekly press blotter to select recipients, and continue to publish activity on the **NextDoor** neighborhood sites.

If there is something more useful or something that you would like to see on our social media or information sites, please contact us.

Sincerely,
Kenneth M. Truver
Chief of Police



POLICE NEWS . . .



Delivering Christmas To Kids

Our Police Department will be joining other local departments in collecting Christmas gifts for children who must stay in Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh over the holiday season.

The drop-off boxes will be at the Community Library of Castle Shannon on Myrtle Avenue and at the Municipal Center on McRoberts Road.

Police Sgt. Brian McKeown

Successfully attended the 264th session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

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### WELCOME OFFICER PLATT

Please join us in welcoming **Officer Christine M. Platt** to the Castle Shannon Police Department.



Officer Platt comes to us from the Hampton Township Police Department. She is a North Hills native and graduate of North Allegheny High School.

Christine graduated from Kent State University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Justice Studies, and she obtained her MPOETC certification as a Police Officer from the Allegheny County Police Training Academy.



Please introduce yourself to Officer Platt when you see her in your neighborhood.



### Memorial Tribute to 9.11

A brief service was held at 8:46 on 9/11/2016. Equipment from Emergency Services represented the South Hills Area Council of Governments (SHACOG) and were on display from 7:00-3:00 at the Castle Shannon Volunteer Fire Department parking lot.





Dear Resident,

Imagine for a moment that you call 9-1-1 for the fire department and no one shows up. The volunteer fire service, which dates back to Ben Franklin, is slowly disappearing like the horse drawn fire truck.

In a community where we pride ourselves on staying connected and knowing our neighbors, the fire department has always been that social and civic point of contact for our citizens. But as incidents increase and volunteers fade, the volunteer fire service could become as rare as a firehouse Dalmatian.



Blame it on our society: longer commutes, year round sport activities, factories or shops that won't allow volunteers to leave in the middle of a workday. Blame it on state mandated training requirements that have increased heavily since 9/11. Blame it on people who live in the community and don't realize the department is strictly people willing to volunteer and there are not people at the station 24/7. The fact remains that the fire department is in need of your help!

Many years ago the fire department was made up of local business owners and people who could leave for an emergency. Today more people travel out of town for work.

As more people commute to the city and out of the community for work, you can imagine how few of these volunteers are available during the daytime hours.

### **VOLUNTEERING SAVES YOU MONEY**

The economic consequences are obvious, because as more volunteers disappear from the fire service, the idea of hiring career firefighters in place of volunteers may be in the near future. Of the 30,000 fire departments in the U.S., roughly 2/3rds are volunteers protecting 40% of the population.

A study conducted by the Public Safety and Environmental Protection Institute found that it would cost U.S. citizens \$37.2 billion annually if they had to replace all volunteers with career staffing.

The study went on to say that the average figure that can be used for a career firefighter's salary and benefits is \$71,500 per year. This obviously varies by area of the country, but it's a figure that the Borough of Castle Shannon and the Township of Baldwin cannot afford.

### **BENEFITS OF BEING A VOLUNTEER**

Most firefighters are very humble when called a hero because they are just doing their job, but they all gain great satisfaction knowing their hard work helped someone else in a time of need. It could be as simple as helping someone up from the ground after a nasty fall, to saving a home from total fire destruction. No matter the incident, your help made a difference in someone's life.

On top of the intangible benefits there are life skills and financial benefits to being a firefighter. Some of these include:

- **CPR certification:** This could help you advance in your career
- **Cell phone discounts:** Many of the major carriers offer some sort of discount
- Life Insurance, Workmen's Comp and Income Disability Coverage
- **Tax breaks:** It is possible to write off or claim items on your taxes
- Paid Annual Physical Check-ups
- Unlimited Use of the Department's Exercise Room
- And many more.....

### **I WOULD LIKE TO HELP**

Deciding to be a volunteer is not something you should take lightly and the fire department has a list of questions to ask yourself before you decide to apply.

1. Do I have enough time?
2. Will my family be supportive?
3. Do I have the ability to cope with emergencies?
4. Can I physically do the job?

Applications can be picked up from the fire station or you can request to receive an application by mail by calling the Fire Department office during the hours of Monday-Friday 9:00AM to 3:00PM.

Fire Chief  
Bill Reffner





# CSVFD Ladies Auxiliary

A milestone was celebrated by the Castle Shannon Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. The 75th Anniversary Celebration took place on Thursday, September 8, 2016 with a reception at the Firemen's Hall to commemorate the achievements and recognize the dedicated service of all current, past and deceased members.

The organization chartered in 1941, and today there are 30 dedicated members, of which eight of these members have been volunteering for more than 40 years each. Mayor Donald Baumgarten presented a framed commendation to the Ladies President, Sarah (Bosko) Reick, a 3rd generation member. Police Chief Kenneth Truver, Fire Chief Bill Reffner and Fire Department President Chuck McGervey also offered their congratulations and appreciation during the reception. In addition, the firemen and the ladies auxiliary reminisced with many scrapbooks filled with historical pictures and memorabilia.



Marlene Speicher



Lou Kobosky

The ladies continue to assist the firemen's fundraising efforts, such as weekly bingo, the annual summer carnival, sportsmen's bash, train show, and purse bash. The ladies are well-known for their annual Fall Craft Show and bi-annual Flea Market. Their efforts have provided the men with valuable equipment throughout the years, including a Communication/Dispatcher Radio System, a Cairns thermal imaging camera, and AED defibrillators. They have also made donations to several local charities in the community: Castle Shannon Library, Salvation Army, Castle Shannon Holiday Giving Program, Central Blood Bank and Castle Shannon Meals on Wheels.

The CSVFD Ladies Auxiliary's goal is to continue to support the Fire Department and Community for many more years to come.



**First Row:** Lucille Aschley, Bobbie Shock, Joan Schram, Nancy Jolley, Jane Lauerman, Phyllis Feller  
**Second Row:** Peg Mueller, Helen McGervey, Sarah Reick, Paula McDine, Dee Bockstonce, Kelly Phillipps, Lynn Michigan, Kathy Saldutte  
**Third Row:** Crystal Nicholls, Christine Frazier, Glynis Gilliland, Colleen Frazier, Chris Handmaker  
**Fourth Row:** Lois Klocke, Barb Nowacki, Carol Broz, Linda McCartney, Judy Wolfe, Nancy Dempsey  
*Missing: Donna Buettner, Lou Kobosky, Kathy Mandrier, Marlene Speicher*



**40+ year Members:**

Phyllis Feller (48), Lucille Aschley (45), Joan Schram (51), Bobbie Shock (54), Judy Wolfe (42), Jane Lauerman (49), Nancy Jolley (43); *Missing: Lou Kobosky (66)*

## WATERMAN HOTEL

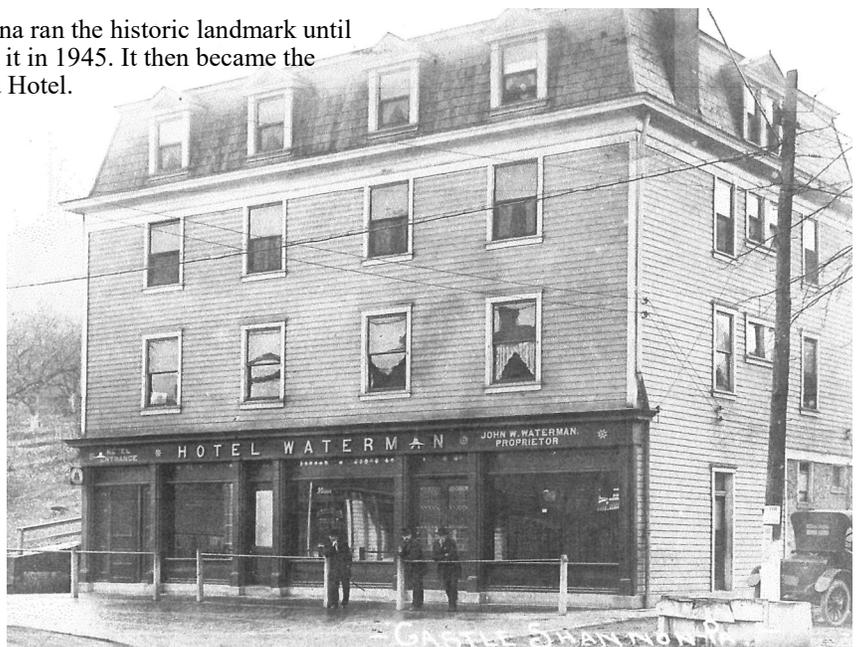
*More Castle Shannon / Waterman history next issue.*



Situated on the east side of Library Road at the intersection with Washington

Avenue (Castle Shannon Boulevard), the Hotel Waterman was a popular location for farmers and travelers in transit between Washington County and Pittsburgh. John W. Waterman, who was the proprietor, opened the four story frame hotel in 1907 on part of the old McCully farm. The bar, restaurant and kitchen was on the first floor and there were sixteen rooms to rent upstairs. There was a hitching post and a concrete watering trough for the horses. The hostelry was always filled to capacity and light and laughter welcomed the weary travelers. The hotel was the mecca for much of the social life of Castle Shannon. After Waterman passed away in 1935, his

wife Anna ran the historic landmark until she sold it in 1945. It then became the Virginia Hotel.





## Holiday Food Giving Program

3310 McRoberts Road  
Castle Shannon, PA 15234

October 2016

### 2016/2017 HOLIDAY FOOD GIVING PROGRAM

Dear Friend:

Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity and once again we are turning to you for help. Please help to make this year another joyous holiday season for less fortunate families in our community.

For over 37 years, numerous families in our community have enjoyed happier holidays through generous donations to the Holiday Food Giving Program. This year there are approximately 95 families whose holidays will be brighter because of your donation.

Your donation to the Holiday Food Giving Program will provide less fortunate families in Castle Shannon complete Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter dinners. Precooked dinners are available for those who are unable to prepare their own dinners. Additionally, each child of these same families will receive gifts at Christmas. All donations are used to purchase food, trimmings and children's gifts. This program does not receive any funding from outside agencies and needs over \$10,000 to continue to provide these dinners and gifts.

**To help to increase the number of donations we are offering incentive packages to everyone who contributes to this worthy cause.**

- For a \$35.00 donation, you will receive one \$10.00 gift certificate from the Castle Shannon Shop 'N Save PLUS one certificate for a FREE Signature Car Wash from Mr. Magic Car Wash (\$18.00 value) PLUS a certificate for a FREE large pizza from The Pizza Company (\$12.99 value) in Castle Shannon
- **Total value for this package is \$40.99.**
- For a \$50.00 donation you will receive a \$10.00 gift certificate from the Castle Shannon Shop 'N Save PLUS a certificate for a FREE Signature Car Wash from Mr. Magic Car Wash (\$18.00 value) PLUS a certificate for a FREE large pizza from The Pizza Company (\$12.99 value) in Castle Shannon PLUS a certificate for a FREE regular oil change from Steel City Collision, Inc. in Castle Shannon (\$32.99 value – up to 5 quarts or \$10.00 off synthetic or high mileage oil change – NOT TO BE USED IN COMBINATION WITH ANY OTHER DISCOUNT) AND a FREE Pennsylvania State inspection from Steel City Collision, Inc. (\$29.99).
- **Total value for this package is \$103.97.**

We would like to thank, Mr. Magic Car Wash, Castle Shannon Shop 'N Save, The Pizza Company and Steel City Collision, Inc. for their generous support. If you have any questions on the Holiday Giving Program, please contact Dave Kreisel at (412) 531-4190.

*Please give generously to keep this worthwhile program available. Checks should be made payable to "Holiday Food Giving"*

*c/o Castle Shannon Borough, 3310 McRoberts Road  
Castle Shannon, PA 15234*

**Holiday Food Giving Committee -- Dave Kreisel - Bobbie Shock - Bob Dempsey**

## A word from Representative Dan Miller . . .



Too many families know firsthand the devastation caused by opioid addiction. Thankfully it has become a major topic in Harrisburg and hopefully by working together we can make a difference.

As you may have heard, earlier this summer Democrats and Republicans alike joined with Governor Wolf to call for a special legislative session to prioritize this issue. As of early September, it seems that the leadership has agreed on a joint session – a slightly different term – but one that means some addiction-related legislation will likely be fast-tracked this fall. A good thing, although I do wish the legislature had agreed to fully fund Governor Wolf's "Centers for Excellence" proposal which would expand access to streamlined treatment and support services.

While we keep the focus on such needs, the legislature has also had numerous hearings across the state over the last couple of months to hear from experts, people with addictions, and family members alike as to how the system works and what would make it better. In particular I have been very pleased to support the effort of the bipartisan HOPE Caucus, which under the leadership of my friends Rep. Ed Gainey and Rep. Aaron Kaufer continues to push the envelope on this issue.

Recently I participated in a town hall meeting in our district at the Beth El Congregation, along with Congressman Murphy and Senator Reschenthaler. The issue of opioid addiction touches every corner of our community, as evidenced by the hundreds of people in attendance. Clearly we cannot simply arrest our way out of this problem, and it is just as obvious that we need improvement in our treatment model. It is one thing to recognize the successes of programs like drug courts, and another to deal with the reality of how hard it is to get employment with a drug conviction or to get to treatment when your license has been suspended.

These are big issues and there are no silver bullets, but I am optimistic that from our increased community conversations and bipartisan legislative efforts we can build momentum and save lives.

In that spirit, my office will be presenting a program for parents on knowing the warning signs of drug use in December, so look for more information on that coming soon on our Facebook page at [facebook.com/RepDanMiller](https://facebook.com/RepDanMiller). Don't forget that you can contact the Castle Shannon Police Department at 412-885-9300 to get information about how to dispose of your unused prescription pills in a safe manner – which makes sure they don't get into the wrong hands. In the meantime, of course, I invite you to share your thoughts and ideas with me anytime at [RepMiller@pahouse.net](mailto:RepMiller@pahouse.net) or 412-343-3870.



## Saint Anne School "STREAM"lines Curriculum

The faculty and staff at Saint Anne School in Castle Shannon have been aggressively incorporating STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, Math) initiatives into every aspect of its curriculum. Some examples of the STREAM lessons, from the youngest students to the oldest, are highlighted here.

The preschool students learned about the life cycle of a butterfly and the importance of butterflies in pollination. They viewed a video of monarch butterflies migrating to Canada from Mexico, located Mexico, North America, and Canada on a map, and tracked the migration path of the butterflies. The class worked cooperatively to count butterflies in groups and make butterfly headbands and paper flowers with straws to replicate how butterflies drink nectar from flowers.



A STREAM lesson in kindergarten involved the students reading *The Three Little Pigs* and then building their own houses using candy and toothpicks. Kindergarten instructor, Mrs. Belsterling, then "tested" the strength of each house using the 'big bad wolf blow dryer.' The students were very excited when their houses stood up to the 'big bad wolf,' said Mrs. Belsterling.



In first grade, instructor Mrs. Violi introduced a 'place value' robot to the class who helped the students understand 'ones' and 'tens' in a dynamic, engaging way. The lesson also incorporated learning about robots, participating in an interactive PowerPoint, and working cooperatively to create and build 'place value' robots.

A lesson titled, 'Pendulum Painting,' incorporated many aspects of the STREAM initiatives for the 6th grade students. The painting technique involved the forces of motion and gravity. The students viewed a PowerPoint lesson on what a pendulum is, how it works, and learned about the engineering and physics connection through Newton's First Law of Motion. The students then created spiral artwork by manipulating the path of a suspended container of paint so that it could swing freely back and forth. Finally, the students explored mathematical patterns in nature in relation to the pendulum's motion.

The 8th grade language Arts students, and instructor Mrs. Erica Faber, worked in small groups to write, design, and build children's books with movable components. Once the books were completed the students read and demonstrated the books to the Kindergarten class. They were then mailed to a military family with a connection to Mrs. Faber.

Perhaps the most exciting of the STREAM learning initiatives took place in Mrs. Laird's 6th-8th grade science classes where the students studied the embryology of the chicken and the processes of meiosis, fertilization and mitosis. The students then "candled" fertilized eggs during development to determine which eggs would hatch into baby chicks. Twenty days later, nine baby chicks emerged from their shells. The 6th-8th grade students observed and recorded the behavior of the chicks during and after hatching and following the end of the school year the chicks were returned to the farm that provided the fertilized eggs.

To further enhance the school's focus on the STREAM initiatives several faculty members from Saint Anne School attended summer courses at the STREAM Innovation Summer Institute which aims to offer the best approach for professional development as a means to engage and sustain innovation. "At Saint Anne School we consistently encourage our faculty to incorporate STREAM into as many lessons as possible," says Principal Harmony Shaw.

For more information you can contact the school office at 412-561-7720 or visit our website at [www.saintanneschool.org](http://www.saintanneschool.org).



# Community Library of Castle Shannon



## Children and Teen Fall Programs

Please note that registration is appreciated for all programs. This helps us prepare adequate materials. Register for a program by stopping at the Library, calling, or emailing Miss Heather at [weleskih@einetwork.net](mailto:weleskih@einetwork.net) Thank you!



**After School Reading Club:** Join us each week as we explore the world of books! We will decide as a group what we will read (Juvenile Fiction) and discuss the book as we read it. Registration is preferred so enough copies of the book are available. Snacks will be provided.

**Mondays, 3:45-5:00 PM**  
**Runs until December 19**

**Gaming and Craft Time:** Board Games, Wii time, and crafting all combine to make this special free time at the library! You get to choose what we do each week! Bring your friends with you for even more fun. Snacks will be provided.



**Wednesdays, 3:30-5:00 PM**  
**Runs until December 21**

**Block Party:** Do you love LEGOs, Keva Planks, and all things related to blocks?? Join us at the library for a special hour of building, exploring, and designing masterpieces! This program is open to children of all ages!



**Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00 PM**  
**Runs until December 21**

**STEAM Hour:** Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math...Oh My! Join us as we explore a new aspect each week! Registration is preferred for this event.

**Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 PM**  
**Runs until December 22**

### Stay Up to Date on Upcoming Programs

Make sure to like the Library's Facebook page, check our website, or ask to be put on email list so you always know what exciting programs will be coming in 2017!

## Story Times

**Songs and Stories:** Join us each week for a story or two, as well as lots of music and movement. Each week we will explore a different theme and sing a variety of songs to go



with our story. Space is limited and registration is required. Caregivers must attend with your little one. Ages Birth to 3.

**Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 AM**  
**Runs until December 22**

**Pre-K through Second Grade:** Children 4-8 years old are welcome to come get creative with us each week as we explore different story themes and make a craft that matches the theme.

**Thursdays, 3:45-4:15 PM**  
**Runs until December 22**

## Tuesday Evening Programs (All Ages)

### Family Movie Nights:



Bring your family to the Library for a movie night. We will be showing new releases and classics throughout the year

with plenty of movies for everyone to enjoy. Light snacks will be provided. Movies will be rated G or PG. Stop by the Library or call to ask which movie will be showing.

**Showtimes @ 6:30 PM on the following dates: November 1, December 20**

**Cooking Fun:** Children, Tweens, and Teens are invited to the library to learn how to make some delicious snacks and meals. Registration is required to make sure enough supplies are purchased.

**November 29,  
December 13  
6:30 PM**



**Thanksgiving Party:** Families are invited to the library for a time of thankful celebration! We will be reading stories, making a craft, playing games, and enjoying a special Thanksgiving snack! Registration is required for this event.



**November 22, 6:30 PM**

**Holiday Gift Making/Holiday Party:** Children of all ages are invited to the library for a special holiday craft making extravaganza! We will be making items that can be given as gifts during this holiday season. Also, we will be celebrating the holiday season with a little party.

**December 6, 6:30 PM**

## Special Programs (All Ages)

### Breakfast with Santa:

Join us for our annual pancake breakfast with your favorite jolly gift giver!



**Saturday, December 1  
10:00 AM**

Ticket Info: Tickets go on sale **November 1** during regular library hours and *sell out quickly*, so stop by the library as soon as possible. There is no waiting list or reserving of tickets before or after they go on sale. Tickets are \$5 each for ages 2 and up. Cash or check (made out to the Friends of the Castle Shannon Library) only please.



### American Girl Dolls Available

Castle Shannon Library now has TWO American Girl Dolls that are able to be checked out to spend time with you at your house. Kit and Samantha come with their books, information about the time periods they lived in, and a bed to sleep on. Parents must sign a waiver allowing their child to take out the doll.

## What's All the Hoopla About?

As the days get shorter and the air gets colder, we begin to put away the bikes, jump ropes and other outdoor toys and turn our attention to indoor activities. The library, as you know, provides a wide variety of books, movies and music to choose from, but what if it's just too cold or dangerous to make that trek to the library? Wouldn't it be nice if the library delivered entertainment to your home? Well, with Hoopla, it's possible!

Hoopla is an app for your smartphone or tablet that allows you to borrow movies, music, eBooks and more with your library card from the comfort of your own home. The app is very easy to set up and use. There is also a feature that allows you to broadcast your borrowed movies to your TV using Google's Chromecast device. This is very convenient and allows the whole family to enjoy the film together.

You can borrow up to 10 titles each month and keep them for a few days until they disappear from your "borrowed" list. There is also a Kids Mode feature that allows parents to easily discover content suitable for children.

I definitely recommend downloading this app and exploring it for yourself. You will be prompted to add your library's name (Community Library of Castle Shannon) and your library card number. From there, you'll have entertainment at your fingertips - and no need to brave the cold!

**Jon Ebel**, *Board of Trustee*  
*Community Library of Castle Shannon*

## Community Library



Did you know this about the public libraries in Allegheny County?

- ◆ One out of every two Allegheny County residents has a library card.
- ◆ Average library users borrow 20 items per year (a value 10 times their annual tax investment).
- ◆ The average library user visits the library at least monthly.
- ◆ Your libraries offer countless eResources (books, audio, video, magazines, articles, music) downloadable for free.
- ◆ Your libraries offer more than 800 classes and events a week.
- ◆ Your libraries offer free wifi.

Your Allegheny County public libraries are always in demand:

- ◆ Allegheny County libraries had more than 8 million visits last year
  - ◇ Allegheny County and City of Pittsburgh Parks had 7.4 million visits
  - ◇ The Pittsburgh Pirates, Penguins and Steelers had 3.7 million attendees
  - ◇ Carnegie Museums, Aviary, Pittsburgh Zoo and Phipps had 2.7 million visits

Did you know this about public libraries in Allegheny County?

- ◆ Pennsylvania libraries generate \$1.34 billion in direct and associated revenue. \*
- ◆ For every dollar invested in libraries, \$5.50 in services are returned. \*

Your Allegheny County public libraries are always a great value...

- ◆ The annual cost to an Allegheny County taxpayer is less than:
  - ◇ Seven specialty drinks at your favorite coffee shop
  - ◇ A movie outing for a family of four
  - ◇ A casual dinner for two
  - ◇ A month of Internet service

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Important  
Information

*\*The Taxpayer Return on Investment in Pennsylvania Public Libraries study was commissioned by the PA Department of Education's Office of Libraries, in collaboration with the PA Library Association.*

# COMMUNITY LIBRARY OF CASTLE SHANNON



## YES! I would I love to DONATE to the Community Library of Castle Shannon

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please include city & zip code.)*

I wish to donate: (check one) \_\_\_\_\_ \$5 \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ Other Amount

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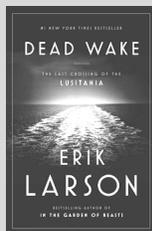
Community Library of Castle Shannon ~ 3677 Myrtle Avenue ~ Castle Shannon, PA 15234

#### The Library will be closed on the following dates:

- Friday, November 11 - **Veterans' Day**
- Wednesday, November 23 - **Closed at 5 PM**
- Thursday, November 24 - **Thanksgiving Day**
- Friday, November 25 - **Thanksgiving**
- Friday, December 23 - **Christmas Break**
- Saturday, December 24 - **Christmas Eve**
- Sunday, December 25 - **Christmas Day**
- Monday, December 26 - **Christmas Break**
- Friday, December 30 -
- Saturday, December 31 -
- Sunday, January 1 -
- Monday, January 2 - **New Year's Holiday Weekend**
- Monday, January 16 - **MLK Day**
- Monday, February 20 - **Presidents' Day**

### MONTHLY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The group meets in the lower level of the Library on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Copies of the books in various formats are available at the Library to borrow. Pick up a copy today!



**November 14**  
Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania  
by Erik Larson

**December 12**  
Angels at the Table:  
A Shirley, Goodness, and Mercy Christmas Story  
by Debbie Macomber



#### Library Hours

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| Mondays   | 1p.m.-9p.m.  |
| Tuesday   | 10a.m.-9p.m. |
| Wednesday | 1p.m.-9p.m.  |
| Thursday  | 10a.m.-9p.m. |
| Friday    | 1p.m.-5p.m.  |
| Saturday  | 10a.m.-5p.m. |
| Sunday    | 1p.m.-5p.m.  |

**Make sure to LIKE the Library's Facebook page, check our website, or ask to be put on email list so you always know what exciting programs will be coming up!**

## Upcoming Programs for Adults & Seniors



### New Release Movie Night

Come to the Library on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. to watch this hilarious new comedy starring Mila Kunis and Kristen Bell. When three overworked and under-appreciated moms are pushed beyond their limits, they ditch their conventional responsibilities for a jolt of long overdue freedom, fun, and comedic self-indulgence. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is preferred. RATED R.

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### Crafternoons for Adults at the Library

What is it? An afternoon solely devoted to the joys of craft. The only three conditions are that the activity must be after midday, crafty, and with friends! Join us the third Wednesday of each month for Crafternoons. We will meet downstairs from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Bring your best craft ideas with you. This is an informal gathering and a chance to meet new people and learn new craft ideas. Adults ages 18 and over welcome. If you cannot make it in the afternoon, stop by between 6 p.m.-8 p.m. that night!

**Upcoming Dates:**  
**Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Fall Theme**  
**Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Holiday Gift Wrap Theme**

Registration is required for this program because it helps us prepare adequate materials.

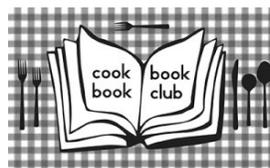
### Driver Safety Class



Come to the library to participate in the AARP Driver Safety Class on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> & Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The cost for the class is \$15 for AARP Members and \$20 for Non-AARP Members. Proof of AARP Membership is needed. Checks are REQUIRED and can be made out to AARP. Pre-registration with payment at the Library is required. Participants 55 and older can receive a 5% discount off of their car insurance for completing this 2 day program. This class is highly recommended for those wanting to learn the effects of aging on driving. Please bring your Driver's License and AARP card (if a member) to the class.

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### Cook the Book: A Cookbook Book Club



Do you love reading cookbooks and making new recipes? If so, then this is the club for you!! We pick the cookbook or theme, you select and make a recipe from that cookbook or theme.

### **Special Cook the Book Cookie Exchange**

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
at 7 p.m.

Trade cookies and recipes. Containers will be provided to take your yummy cookies home. Please sign up by December 1st so we have an idea of how many will be in attendance and how many cookies we each need to bake.

## Recycle at Our Library!

Our bins are located in the lower parking lot in the back of the library.

Once again, the Library will receive money for the recycling we collect!

Newspapers-Magazines-Mail-School & Office Papers-Catalogs

NEW: cardboard and phone books are now accepted!

Thank you for your support!

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### Downloadable Materials Available With Your Library Card

#### \*Hoopla

Free movies, TV shows, audiobooks and music albums.

Enjoy on your computer (streaming) or through the Hoopla app for Android or iOS devices (stream or download).

#### \*Freemusic

This site provides access to millions of songs, including Sony Music's catalog of legendary artists. Download five free music tracks (MP3 format) from popular artists each week with no software to download and no digital rights management (DRM) restrictions.

#### \*Zinio

Choose from more than 300 free digital magazines, including Cosmopolitan, Forbes, Good Housekeeping, Newsweek, Rolling Stone, Seventeen and Us Weekly. Opt in for an email notification when new issues of your selected magazines are available.

### **Do You Have an ... iPad ... Kindle ... Nook?**

You can now download eBooks and eAudio to your eBook Readers and Portable devices for FREE! To find out more information, log onto [www.castleshannonlibrary.org](http://www.castleshannonlibrary.org), click on the eBooks and more link at the top right side of the webpage.

# Garbage & Recycling

## Garbage Service

Republic Services will provide curbside collection of household waste on a weekly basis. This includes normal household waste, yard waste and bulky waste. Bulky waste includes furniture, white goods, bundled carpet and padding (cut into 4-ft. sections) and other similar waste material other than construction debris, dead animals, hazardous waste or domestic animal waste.

Please place your rubbish in standard 32-gallon trash containers or heavy plastic bags which are securely tied. Bags and/or cans may not exceed 50 lbs.

## Recycling

All recyclables must be placed curbside in either a blue recycling bin or a similar container. Recyclables placed in bags will NOT be taken. Please take the lids off of any plastic items because of compacting issues. *Additional bins can be purchased at the Municipal Center for \$10.00.*

## Holiday Schedule

There is no trash collection on the following six holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Pick up will be delayed one day if the above official holiday is on a Monday through Friday. If the actual date falls on a Saturday or Sunday, THERE IS NO CHANGE in service day for that week. The holiday schedule is outlined on the recycling schedule.



**Leaf Collection Days**  
**Mondays—Nov 7th, 14th, & 28th**  
**Thursdays—Nov 10th, 17th & Dec 1st**

**DISPOSAL OF TIRES AND ELECTRONICS  
 ARE PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW**

**RECYCLABLES COLLECTED EVERY OTHER WEEK CAN BE MIXED IN BIN: CLEAN GLASS JARS/BOTTLES, ALUMINUM AND TIN CANS, PLASTICS (1-7), MAGAZINES, CATALOGS, PHONE BOOKS, JUNK MAIL, ENVELOPES, ALL COLOR OFFICE PAPER, PAPER GROCERY BAGS, CHIPBOARD, FOOD BOXES, NEWSPAPERS AND INSERTS, FLATTENED CARDBOARD BOXES IN 3-FOOT SECTIONS.**

## 2017 Recycling Schedule

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# 2016 CSRC 6th Annual Golf Outing





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## *Light Up Night*

Everyone is invited to join us for Castle Shannon's Annual Light Up Night on Sunday, December 4, 2016. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. awaiting the tree lighting and Santa's arrival at 7:00 p.m. in the Port Authority parking lot at Castle Shannon Boulevard and Mt. Lebanon Boulevard.

Santa will be arriving in style on a Castle Shannon Volunteer Fire Department Fire Truck and will have treats for all children. Carols will be sung and we will once again be lighting our tree.

***Refreshments will be available  
for a small donation.***

This is a Borough tradition and is enjoyed by all!